

MULTIDISCIPLINARY PROTOCOL FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF CHILD ABUSE



NAVAJO COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

July 1, 2018- JUNE 30, 2019

SUMMARY:

ARS §§8-817 REQUIRES EACH COUNTY TO SUBMIT A REPORT BASED UPON ACTIVITY UNDER THE "MULTIDISCIPLINARY PROTOCOL FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF CHILD ABUSE." NAVAJO COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND THE NAVAJO COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HAVE TRACKED THE NUMBERS OF THESE CASES BETWEEN JULY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2019.

NAVAJO COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (NCAO) ACTIVITY CHART:

THE CHART BELOW REPRESENTS NCAO'S CRIMINAL CONDUCT ALLEGATIONS RELATED TO INVESTIGATIONS OF CHILD ABUSE, INCLUDING MULTIPLE ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES.

| NAVAJO COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE | SUBMITTALS BY A.R.S CHARGE | CRIMINAL CONDUCT ALLEGATION CHARGES FILED | CASES NOT CHARGED | CASES PENDING CHARGING | DISPOSITION BY A.R.S CHARGE |
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| <u>TOTAL CASES</u> | 94 | 34 | 17 | 48 | 46 |

SUBMITTALS BY A.R.S CHARGE:

NUMBER OF CASES TOTAL (165) SUBMITTED BY LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FOR REVIEW. (PLEASE SEE PAGE 2 FOR INCLUDED AGENCIES)

CRIMINAL CONDUCT ALLEGATION CHARGES FILED:

34 THIS NUMBER REPRESENTS CASES THAT WERE SUBMITTED AND CHARGED BY NCAO.

CASES NOT CHARGED:

17 CASES WERE NOT CHARGED; CAN INCLUDE CASES THAT WERE RETURNED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION, LACK OF EVIDENCE, COMBINED WITH ANOTHER CASE, OR REFERRED TO ANOTHER AGENCY FOR PROSECUTION.

DISPOSITIONS:

A TOTAL OF 46 CASES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED BY CONVICTION

NAVAJO COUNTY LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTICIPANTS IN MDT, JUNE 2016– JUNE 2017

| AGENCY | TOTAL # OF CASES INVESTIGATED | # OF CASES SENT TO NCAO | # OF CASES STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION |
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| NAVAJO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE | 43 | 22 | 10 |
| HOLBROOK POLICE DEPARTMENT | 17 | 9 | 1 |
| WINSLOW POLICE DEPARTMENT | 26 | 20 | 4 |
| SHOW LOW POLICE DEPARTMENT | 38 | 23 | 10 |
| SNOWFLAKE/TAYLOR POLICE DEPARTMENT | 34 | 17 | 8 |
| PINETOP/LAKESIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT | 7 | 3 | 3 |
| TOTALS | 165 CASES INVESTIGATED IN NAVAJO COUNTY FOR CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN | 94 CASES THAT WERE SENT TO THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR REVIEW | 36 CASES ARE STILL OPEN AND ARE PENDING INVESTIGATION |

THE NAVAJO COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE GOALS AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE COMING YEAR:

- CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OUR MONTHLY MDT MEETINGS
- CONTINUE TO FULLY UTILIZE OUR FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTERS.
- ENCOURAGE MORE CASES FROM AGENCIES TO BE SENT IN TO THE NAVAJO COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR REVIEW.
- CONDUCT AT LEAST 3 TRAININGS A YEAR FOR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO IMPROVE INVESTIGATIONS OF CHILD SEX CRIMES.

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